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Weather Forecast.

Forecast till 8 p. m. Thursday: For Northern  
California—Fair weather, except light rains in  
the extreme north-west portion; warmer in the  
Northern portion.

THE HOLIDAYS.

The holidays began with the setting of  
the sun last night. In California the  
week of good-will opened with fine promise  
and the forecast of fall store-houses in  
the new year. Unless ill befalls the  
farmer he will have good crops, and for  
labor there will be plentiful employment.  
Industry is not crippled, the money mar-  
ket is not straitened, and the people  
enjoy reasonable prosperity.Let the Christmas season, therefore, be  
one of national pleasure and reasonable  
liberality. We can well give up some of  
its hours to the children, and in their de-  
lights renew our youth. We can well  
step aside from toil to remember the poor,  
and to warm our own hearts by supplying  
their needs. The sick and the afflicted,  
the prisoner in the cell, the orphan, the  
widow and the abandoned innocent ones,  
are with us to be recipients of our charity  
and of the benediction of good deeds.The Christmas season, it has been said,  
is a preacher, emphasizing in this day  
great and broad and deep lessons. It has  
disconnected itself largely from faiths,  
creeds and doctrines—it has become the  
synonym for good-will, mercy, gentleness,  
forgiveness and the stretching forth of the  
helping hand. We can all take infinite  
pleasure in the Christmas season, and  
make it a means, at the same time, of con-  
ferring pleasure on others, wholesome,  
pure and beneficial joys, and of experi-  
encing in return the conviction that it is  
blessed to give to the worthy needy; how  
Christ-like it is to be gentle, forgiving and  
merciful even for a brief season.And these sentiments we may entertain  
though our belief does not accept the  
wondrous story of the manger, for Christ-  
mas has come to have a sweet and human-  
izing influence upon all civilized people  
regardless of faith. It has so far laid  
aside its religious character that it opens  
its arms to all men and contributes to  
their betterment, whether believing in the  
Christ-child or not. For no heart can be  
acted upon by the gentle, generous and  
joyous influences of the Christmas-tide  
and not be bettered, made more tender,  
forbearing and self-sacrificing. Where-  
fore let us all welcome the Christmas sea-  
son with generous emphasis, open palms  
and purses for all that is true, and kind  
and loving.

THE PROMISE OF 1892.

The prohibition politicians are not wise  
when they inspire their organ to declare  
that because the Farmers' Alliance has  
not declared itself with them upon the  
"drink question," it is therefore unworthy  
of any consideration or fear. From the  
bravado temperance standpoint that is very  
naïve, but it will not affect the fact that  
in 1892, the spirit that inspired the Alli-  
ance, whether it retains that form of man-  
ifestation or not, will be a potential politi-  
cal factor.There is, of course, an element of un-  
certainty in any new organization as to  
whether it will succeed, but the inspira-  
tion of this new movement lies deeper in  
the national heart than the organization  
itself. It is the argumenting conviction  
of the American people that they are  
being unjustly deprived of power; that  
rights, losses, and combinations of moneyed  
interests unjustly moved, are inimical to  
the interests of the producers of the  
country.It is the conviction—that promises  
notable surprises in 1892—that there is an  
unhealthy cause for the drift to the towns,  
and the abandonment of rural livings, and  
that this cause is the enforced unprofitable-  
ness of soil tilling, and the unwholesome  
stimulation and protection of manufactur-  
ing interests and commercial enterprises,  
by political agencies. It is out of such  
facts as this that the conviction springs—  
the increase of mortgages in the last  
ten years amounts to billions of dollars,  
and the belief obtains that so much of that  
lien as rests upon farm lands is not likely  
to be discharged by the ordinary produc-  
tion of the soil.So, too, the people are more than uneasy  
over the idea that the United States Presi-  
dent is becoming the rich man's club, and  
that the title of Senator is rapidly assum-  
ing the character attaching to hereditary  
titles under royalty. Ambitious wealth is  
everywhere seeking the aristocratic title,  
and rarely with the ability behind it.  
However looked at, it appears that the politics of 1892  
will be very lively, and that the informing  
spirit that underlies such movements as  
the farmers are now engaging in will  
exercise a powerful influence in the struggle.The New York Herald says of the Beh-  
ring sea matter: "The Administration in-  
tends to insist on the right which the  
United States claims under the Russian  
cession, which is the right to control the  
sea. Whether Russia has any such right  
to convey, and hence whether the United  
States did or could acquire it, is the veryquestion in dispute." If 120 years unde-  
puted occupancy of the marine territory  
does not establish title, what will? It is  
to be noted that even to this hour Great  
Britain has not ventured to question Rus-  
sia's title to the west half of the sea, and  
at all times her poaching sealers have been  
careful not to cross the line drawn from  
the straits to just beyond Copper Island.  
If our title is not sound, if Russia had  
none to convey to us, why do the English  
carefully avoid raising the question with  
Russia?We cannot understand on this side of  
the water why public sympathy should be  
turning to favor Eyrard. We are told  
that the belief obtains widely that Eyrard  
was beguiled by the woman Bompard and  
led to commit the crime, by her influence  
over him. As she has been saved from  
the guillotine, the Parisians feel that to  
condemn Eyrard to death is unjust. It is  
the old story, first told in Eden, "the  
woman did tempt me." But if that is ad-  
mitted, we still fail to see how it lessens  
the awfulness of Eyrard's crime. He was  
much the elder, the girl had long been his  
tool and decoy, and he therefore could not  
have been under her influence to the ex-  
tent claimed.An exchange says: "Mr. William Astor,  
who is cruising along the coast of Florida,  
and who lately bought a home in that  
State, is said to have received a letter from  
a couple of eminent politicians of Florida  
offering him the United States Senator-  
ship for \$250,000. The price does not  
seem high, as Senatorship goes, but it is not  
known that Mr. Astor wants it even at  
this bargain-counter figure." It is because  
such things are possible that there is a  
menace to the integrity of free institutions.A TIMELY discussion has sprung up in  
the California press concerning our game  
laws. For one thing, we need a law pro-  
hibiting the killing of deer for two years.  
Some insist upon four years, but such a  
demand will defeat restriction in toto.PARNELL has learned the trick of the  
American politician. Defeated at the  
polls he now cries "fraud."

A CHRISTMAS EPISODE.

Translated from the French of Gustave Rivet,  
for the RECORD-UNION, by Mrs. N. E. White.

A Christmas story?

Not at all; just a story—a story without  
any dramatic episodes, a commonplace, or-  
dinary occurrence, such as one reads almost  
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